Pending cases of pension to freedom fighters belonging to erstwhile state of Hyderabad

3236. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases regarding grant of pension to freedom fighters belonging to erstwhile State of Hyderabad are pending for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such applications pending with Government;

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had written a letter to the Home Ministry for early sanction; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No application, complete in all respects, duly verified and recommended by the concerned State Governments, eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension as per the extant guidelines of the Government of India, is pending.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh wrote a letter on 27.02.2001 and again handed over a note to the Home Minister on 21.05.2001 alongwith a Memorandum given to him by some freedom fighters of Andhra Pradesh. After consideration of the issues raised, replies have been given to the Chief Minister on 11.05.2001 and 20.06.2001 respectively.

CBI cases against MCD Engineering staff

3237. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Engineering staff of Municipal Corporation of Delhi arrested by CBI for amassing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income by corrupt means from 1st January, 1999 to 15th March, 2001;

(b) whether the investigations in all cases have been completed;

(c) if so, whether they have been suspended and challenged in the court of law;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) whether CBI is also contemplating steps to attach their properties?